

Outline of Agenda and Talking Points for 9/29/14 Congressional Briefing

1. Isolation Barrier
 - a. Next Steps
 - i. PRPs will prepare and submit by mid October detailed plans for IB alignment alternatives and bird mitigation plans for each alternative.
 - ii. The bird mitigation plans will be provided to SLAA and FAA for review.
 - b. Public Safety
 - i. Plans for the IB must address safety not only with regard to potential exposures for site workers and area residents, but also must address the risk of bird strikes.
 - ii. Ensuring the safety of the flying public and those living and working around the WL Site remains our top priority.
2. Subsurface Smoldering Event
 - a. The SSE at the Bridgeton LF continues to be managed under state authority.
 - b. We understand the state has approved Republic's plans to install additional monitoring probes to assess the extent of the SSE, and has also approved plans for Republic to install a heat removal system to better control the SSE.
 - c. EPA coordinates routinely with MDNR in order to stay informed.
3. EPA Progress in last 6 months
 - a. BMAC – EPA completed a comprehensive surface gamma screening and soil sampling effort, which demonstrated no evidence of health concerns due to radionuclide contamination.
 - b. Partnership with USACE – EPA negotiated and signed two IAGs with USACE for technical assistance with the IB project and the remedy selection process. The USACE has produced an IB Alternatives Assessment and has taken an active role at monthly CAG meetings.
 - c. Pre-Construction – EPA negotiated a consent order with the PRPs for pre-construction activities. The work plan has been prepared and approved, and litter fencing has been installed by the PRPs.
 - d. Off-Site Air Monitoring – EPA has established an air monitoring system in the offsite areas surrounding the WLL Site. This system includes 5 air monitoring stations that collect data for a variety of constituents. A local field office has been set up as the control center for the air monitoring network, which is staffed each week by EPA On-Scene Coordinators and contractors. The field office has recently been relocated due to planned construction activities at the Fire Station.
 - e. Enhanced Public Communications – EPA has expanded its efforts to provide timely and accurate information to the public through the publication of a routine newsletter called the West Lake Update. EPA continues to work closely with the CAG Chair, and has made recommendations to bring more form and substance to the CAG meetings. In addition,

EPA funds a contract to provide technical support for the CAG.

4. What's Next?

- a. EPA will review the detailed plans for the IB alignment alternatives due mid October.
- b. EPA will review the Bird Mitigation plans also due mid October, and will coordinate that review with the SLAA and FAA.
- c. EPA will review the USGS report regarding groundwater data, and will communicate with the Congressional delegation and the public regarding the conclusions.
- d. EPA continues to progress toward selection of a final remedy. We expect to approve work plans very soon for the next stages of Feasibility Study work that must be completed to support a new Proposed Plan and Record of Decision.